

LA PICTURE OF CHINA TO-DAY.

Corruption in Office is a Common Occurrence.

Mandarins literally goeth about as a roaring lion seeking what it can devour, says the North China Herald. Offices are held as fiefdoms by metropolitan and provincial authorities. Taxes are collected in full, but are deducted before they reach the imperial treasury; "the big fish eat the little fish, and the little fish eat mud," by which simile the Chinese proverb expresses aptly the fact that the great officials feed upon the smaller ones, and that they in turn feed upon the people. No official position in the empire can be obtained without the use of money, nor retained without illegal practices. If, then, nothing can be hoped for from the rulers of China, what can be said about the student class which is placed at the head of the four divisions of the people? This class is conceived beyond endurance; they still speak of the "round heaven and square earth," and dilate upon the "five elements." Foreigners are still to them barbarians who came to China to learn the laws of propriety; the five great continents represent only divisions of ancient feudal states tributary to their country, and commerce is despised as only being taken up by those who have not the mental power to master books. They wear large goggles, cultivate their finger nails into enormous lengths, assume the swaggering gait with which Confucius is said to have walked, and have a silent contempt for all but themselves. They regard woman as their inferior and rightful slave.

TENNYSON'S DEVOTED WIFE.

Always the Poet's Inspiration and His Trusted Critic.

In 1830, on a path in a wood at Somersby, Tennyson came unexpectedly upon a slender, beautiful girl of 17 and impulsively said to her: "Are you a dryad or an oread wandering here?" Six years later he met Emily Sellwood again, on the occasion of the marriage of his brother Charles to her younger sister, says the Atlantic Monthly. The friendship ripened into love and in summer their marriage took place. Of his wife Tennyson said many years later: "The peace of God came into my life before the altar when I wedded her." Of this marriage the son writes: "It was she who became my father's adviser in literary matters. I am proud of her intelligence," he wrote. With her he always discussed what he was working at; she transcribed his poems; to her, and to no one else, he referred for a final criticism before publishing. "She, with her tender, spiritual nature and instinctive nobility of thought, was always by his side, a ready, cheerful, courageous, wise and sympathetic counselor. It was she who shielded his sensitive spirit from the annoyances and trials of life, answering, for example, the innumerable letters addressed to him from all parts of the world."

THE SUN WAS LATE.

Failed to Set on Time, According to a Boston Watch.

They were telling stories about watches, and the man who always waits until last had just concluded a wonderful story of how a watch of the same make as the one he carried had disclosed an error in the fall of the time ball at Greenwich, England, supposed to be the most accurate time recorder in the world—when a minister spoke up, says the Columbus (O.) Dispatch. "That is not so bad, but they tell a story equally good on Dr. —" naming a well-known Columbus divine. "Why, you see, Dr. — owns a very accurate watch, of which he is quite proud. It happened one winter evening that he was looking over an almanac, as the sun was about to set. According to the almanac, the sun was due to set in a very few minutes, although it was still somewhat above the horizon. Pulling out his watch, the doctor exclaimed: 'You had better hurry up, old sun, or you won't get down on time.' Since the almanac and the watch could not be wrong, it follows that the sun was behind hand." The minister's story was voted the prize and no more watch stories were told that evening.

WHY HE CUT THE WIRES.

Cyclist Brought Assistance by an Ingenious Process.

The person who wrote that electricity was one of the "mighty agents of nature enchained by the ingenuity of man," says the Electrical Review, can scarcely have contemplated in his wildest dreams the full extent of that ingenuity. For instance, he is scarcely likely to have prophesied that a sick man, far from habitations of civilization, could have out a telegraph wire in order to obtain assistance. And yet such has really occurred. The whole of the vast continent of Australia was practically cut off from European news for 24 hours in the middle of September in consequence of an interruption on the line between Adelaide and Port Darwin. Inquiries were made, and it was found that the wire had been cut by a cyclist who had been taken ill while on a journey across the continent. It was not related how he set about it, but he had the satisfaction of any rate of getting what he wanted. It is not desired to establish this as a precedent of summoning help under inconvenient circumstances.

Monkeys in Africa.

Africa's monkeys are giving out. In the neighborhood of the Gold Coast they have been exterminated, and last year the colony could collect only 67,660 skins, whereas in 1894, 168,405 skins, valued at \$205,000 were exported.

Fishes That Cling to Themselves.

The ocean contains several fish which cling to and adorn themselves. The most conspicuous of them is the antennarius, a small fish frequenting the Sargasso sea, which literally clothes itself with seaweed.

FAMOUS DREYFUS CASE.

Some Inside Facts Published by the London Pall Mall Gazette.

How the French Government Obtained a Photograph of the Incriminating Document Bearing Dreyfus' Name.

With every show of authority the Pall Mall Gazette, of London, prints prominently an article purporting to give the inside of the Dreyfus case and explains that the document in addition to the Bordereau on which the government found the prisoner guilty, was obtained in the following manner from the German military attaché, Von Funcke: "Nine or ten months before the arrest of Dreyfus Von Funcke was suddenly removed from his post. The explanation of his removal throws a curious light on the Dreyfus case and explains in some measure the attitude of the government. When his predecessor, Baron Von Huene, left Paris he handed Von Funcke a list of persons in France who were in relation with the German intelligence department, enjoining him never to let it out of his own hands. Von Funcke carried the document in a leather bag around his neck. Shortly after entering upon his duties, an incident occurred whereby a woman of ill-repute obtained the document and took it to the foreign office, where it was hastily photographed and returned to her, she returning it to Von Funcke, who, in the meanwhile, had discovered his loss and, like an honest soldier and attaché, hastened to inform the German government of his mishap. Hence his recall.

Curiously enough, the woman refused compensation, though a large sum was offered her.

With the photograph of the document set to work and I am assured on authority that leaves no room for doubt that the name of Dreyfus appeared on it, but it being a common name in both Germany and France, suspicion did not immediately fall upon the officer subsequently condemned. Later it served as confirmatory evidence.

HARVARD'S ATHLETIC GROUNDS

Thousands of Dollars to Be Expended in Improving Them.

During the last few years a large sum of money has been given by Harvard graduates in Boston toward Soldiers' field, the main athletic grounds at Harvard university, and lately to put it in proper condition for ball-playing and track athletics. The board of governors of the university, the students and their friends in Cambridge have subscribed \$25,000 and it is expected that another fund of \$25,000 will be subscribed in Boston to extend and complete the grounds.

WOMAN FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Out in a Storm in St. Louis and Became Excited.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Winters, of No. 1642 Texas avenue, went out to make a short call at St. Louis the other evening, and about 9:30 o'clock, when a frizzling rain set in, they started home. Before they had gone far a heavy thunderstorm came up. The couple walked last for a block. Suddenly Mrs. Winters turned deathly pale and a look of agony came to her face. She retired to her room. Mr. Winters begged and implored her to walk on home, but she did not answer. She trembled all over as the lightning flashed. Mr. Winters called for help, but before she could be taken home she had expired. A physician said the woman had come to her death by the breaking of a blood vessel of the heart, caused by extreme excitement. Mrs. Winters was in a building during the cyclone which visited this city in 1896, and while she was not injured, suffered terribly from fright.

NERVE OF A CHILD.

Plays on Mouth Organ While Bullet Is Cut from His Arm.

Leo Veshey, a five-year-old boy, while playing with a crowd of youngsters at the corner of Third and Locust streets, St. Louis, the other day, was shot in the arm with a cat rifle. He was taken to the city dispensary, where Dr. Johnson probed for and removed the ball. While the surgeon was performing the operation the boy held a mouth organ in his other hand and played "All Gons Look Alike to Me." He will recover if blood poisoning does not set in.

Cincinnati Wire Manufacturers.

Cincinnati claims to make 20,000 bags, 25,000 rat traps, 120,000 fly traps and 300,000 sieves out of wire annually.

Tallest of Royal Women.

The tallest of the royal women in Europe are the queen of Portugal and the crown princess of Denmark.

REMOVING THE KINKS.

Colored Ministers in Washington Preach that "Flesh is Vanity."

The colored ministers of Washington are preaching that "flesh is vanity" from a point of view which does not give their white brethren any trouble, says a correspondent in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Displayed in a show window on one of the principal shopping streets is this sign: "Attention, colored people! Blank's take-out-kink will take the kink out of your hair and make it silky, soft, pliable and beautiful."

Then follow instructions for the use accompanied by the guarantee of harmlessness, and by other statements calculated to encourage the application of the preparation. But the sign is not what draws the colored people to the window and causes them to remain there with admiring gaze. The bottom of the show window is piled high with black hair in the natural state. There is enough to make a good beginning with a mattress. Above are exhibits of what "Blank's take-out-kink" can do. Switches and bangs and braids and other forms of black hair, soft and glossy and wavy, are shown in strong contrast with the raw material underneath. The sight is temptation. Colored pastors of Washington have discovered that the fashion to experiment with "take-out-kink" is sweeping through their congregations. They are denouncing from the pulpit in vigorous language the wickedness of trying to change the natural order of capillary growth.

A TRAVELING CAT.

The Queer Conduct of a New Jersey Feline.

Tramp cats are common articles, but a cat that steals rides in freight cars is a little out of this line. Such a cat is the property of Operator Percy Vankirk, who works for the Pennsylvania railroad at Manunka Chunk, N. J., the junction point of the Pennsylvania road and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Early in the summer when a car of freight from Kensington, Pa., was opened at Manunka Chunk it jumped a yellow cat, which made its home with the operator from that time. The operator named the cat Yellow Kid. It became the pet of all the trainmen and employes around the station. Since that time Yellow Kid has made several short trips on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and has been located and returned to his home without injury each trip. Not long ago he again disappeared after the afternoon freight had left and as he could not be found agents at all stations where cars were sent were notified to be on the lookout for the Kid. Three days after word was received that he was visiting the boys in the Trenton freight house, he having arrived that afternoon, after making a 75-mile trip, and being on the road nearly two days. He was returned to his owner the next evening. Vankirk is now having a tag made to be worn by the cat so as to insure his safe return when the "curse of the wandering foot" seizes him.

WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA.

Well-Formed and Pretty, But Greatly Lacking in Grace.

A description of the Australian belle reads not unlike that which commentators are wont to ascribe to the Chicago girl. They are said to be, though pretty, tall and well formed, but graceless. Her feet are seldom small, her hands rarely beautiful. Moreover, she does not dress well. Her toilet has none of the chic of the Parisienne and little of the sobriety of the Englishwoman. Overdressed or dowdy, she produces the impression not only of having little taste, but no artistic sense of the fitness of things. Stylish and elegant women are to be seen more frequently in Melbourne than elsewhere. Nevertheless, dress is dear to the soul of an Australian, and much is spent upon it. Down in the lowest social grades dress plays a most important part. The Australian hugs the idea of equality, and believing in uniformity of dress as the visible sign thereof, often sacrifices actual comfort to obtain fashionable clothing. An Australian family makes a brave show on holidays. There may be bare feet and rags in the house, but there are cheap feathers and gloves in the street.

STRUGGLING YOUNG AUTHOR.

His Pathway Lighted Up by Another Bright Ray of Hope.

"One concern to which I send manuscripts," said the struggling young author, according to the New York Sun, "now returns them without the customary printed form of declination. This is a source of great pleasure to me. When I get a manuscript back with the regular printed form I feel like a clean outsider, as though the treatment of me were purely mechanical and formal, for though my manuscript had gone through a mill and come out at the other end with the printed form attached. "But the absence of the printed declination seems to indicate that the manuscript comes from within the inner circle, from a person and not from the mill. It seems to have been nearer to acceptance; closer to the current upon which I should like to see it launched. Of course it may be that the absence of the form is due to motives of economy, so many would be required in communication with me, but I prefer to think that it is an unbending; that it puts me at least among those who may some time be called."

Ingenious Tramp.

A Bath (Me) tramp told the police that he stole a tub of axle grease, put it in small boxes, and peddled it from house to house as corn salve. He says he sold two boxes of it to the man whose axle grease he stole.

The Human Voice.

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